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FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN FORT WAYNE RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Fort Wayne, IN—The United States Attorney's Office announced that a Grand Jury sitting in Fort Wayne, Indiana, returned the following Indictments on October 24, 2007:

HECTOR HENRIQUEZ, age 42, and AARON MANFREDONIA, age 18, both of Fort Wayne, Indiana were charged in a 9 count indictment with knowingly and willingly engaging in the business of dealing in firearms when neither defendant was licensed to deal in firearms, and possession of a machine gun. Henriquez is charged in all 9 counts of a Superseding Indictment with conspiracy, dealing in firearms without a license, possessing and transferring a machine gun, possessing an unregistered firearm, transferring an unregistered firearm and aiding and abetting the same. Manfredonia is charged in 4 counts of the Superseding Indictment with conspiracy, dealing in firearms without a license, transferring an unregistered firearm and aiding and abetting the same. The Superseding Indictment also seeks the forfeiture of certain items to include, firearms, ammunition, a vehicle, and currency. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and the Indiana State Police. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lovita Morris King.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

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